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This guide takes the student step-by-step through the writing process in preparing an application essay for admission to college. It tells the student how to: (1) understand what the admissions committee looks for in essays; (2) choose a topic; (3) get "psyched" to write the essay; (4) bring originality to the page; (5) maintain focus; (6) "be yourself"; (7) avoid the pitfalls of poor writing; and (8) proofread carefully for a "clean" copy. The guide contains several examples of student essays to help in choosing topics and approaches; there are also professional observations by some people who have been reading application essays for many years. An appendix contains brief "advisories." An afterword on communicating concludes the guide. (NKA)

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